

Street outreach and mobile distribution programs are helpful harm reduction program models for women.



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- Do you agree or disagree?
- What assumptions are implied in this statement?
- What can you do in your work to support women who use drugs's access to harm reduction programs?

Thinking Points

- In our consultations with women who use drugs across Ontario,
 - » 53% picked up supplies from a drop-in program that works from a harm reduction perspective,
 - » 48% picked up supplies from a street outreach program
- Women may not always feel safe visiting certain areas of the city, or face fear about judgment, stigma, and discrimination, and therefore avoid accessing a fixed site harm reduction program. Outreach services that meet women where they are at can help to increase women's access to harm reduction services.
- Providing various harm reduction service models can be a cost-effective way to ensure the varied needs of the community are met while also extending the reach of the program.



ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

- What models of harm reduction services are available in your community?
- If you have multiple models of service delivery, which models are more or less popular amongst women in your community?
- What are low-cost strategies you could use locally to address some of the barriers women face when accessing harm reduction programs?